(e) what are the criteria for allotment of these houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), which is a component of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), houses are constructed free of cost for the target group consisting of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) Scheduled Tribes (STs) and freed bonded labourers below the poverty line. As per the existing guidelines, 6 per cent of the resources at the national level under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana are earmarked for the Indira Awas Yojana and distributed among the States in accordance with a set criteria. The number of houses (Kuttirs) to be constructed under the JRY and the amount likely to be spent thereon in Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92, would depend upon the resource allocation for 1991-92 under the JRY which has not been finalised so far.

(c) and (d) As per the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, presently no aid is provided under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) for construction of Kuttirs. Further houses targetted for the year are likely to be ready during the same year.

(e) According to the instructions issued by the Central Government, the allotment of IAY houses among the target group is required to be made as per the following order of priority:—

(i) Freed bonded labourers.

(ii) SC/ST house holds below poverty line headed by widows, unmarried women or the victims of harassment.

(iii) SC/ST households below poverty line but the allotment of house to be in the name of the female members of the beneficiaries household.

(iv) Allotment in the joint name of husband/wife.

Dual fertiliser policy

1201. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled; "Dual fertiliser price policy on the anvil" which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated the 12th January, 1991, mentioning the Deputy Prime Minister's categorical assurance that there is no proposal before Government to reduce fertiliser subsidy;

(b) whether Government are aware of the survey made by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (Demand Study 1980) which shows that small and marginal farmers (with land upto two hectares) owning about 25 per cent of the total cultivated area account for only 31 per cent of the fertiliser consumer;

(c) if so, whether the subsidy is being targetted at rich farmers who consume 70 per cent of the total fertilisers consumed for over 70 per cent of the gross cropped area;

(d) whether Government proposed to adopt dual fertiliser price policy to safeguard the interests of poor farmers while ensuring a reduction in subsidy and through a hike in the price for rich farmers;

(e) whether any other programme is also being considered by Government; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fertilisers are made available to all the categories of farmers at uniform notified prices which are below the cost of production or imports, as the case may be.

(d) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

(e) and (f) Various steps for containing fertilizer subsidy keeping the interests of poor farmers in mind are constantly engaging the attention of the Government.

Sale of Dhara oil through Public Distribution System

1202. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government to bring the distribution of Dhara Oil under Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Maharashtra Government has made some suggestions regarding Market Intervention Operation in edible oil-seeds and edible oil undertaken by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) which inter alia includes the suggestion regarding Dhara being supplied for PDS in Maharashtra.

Dhara is marketed by NDDB which is under the Ministry of Agriculture, and this oil is not a commodity supplied for PDS.

Electrfication of Delhi-Madras and Howrah-Bombay Routes

1203. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to electrify the New Delhi-Madras Railway Route and Howrah-Bombay Route via Nagpur;

(b) if so the details thereof:

(c) by when, the above Routes are likely to be electrified; and

(d) the estimated amount spent on the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c) Electrification of New Delhi-Madras section and Howrah-Bombay route via Nagpur, is already in progress. On Delhi-Madras route, the sections from Delhi to Itarsi and from Madras to Nagpur are already electrified. The gap section from Itarsi to Nagpur is expected to be completed by March, 1991.

On Howrah-Bombay via Nagpur route the sections from Howrah to Gondia and from Bombay to Nagpur are already elctrified. The gap section from Gondia to Nagpur is expected to be fully completed by Sept. 1991.

(d)

Section	Estimated amount to be spent
1. New Delhi-Madras	Rs. 683.09 Crores
2. Howrah-Igatpuri	Rs. 346.12 Crores

The above excludes expenditure on Igatpuri-Bombay section which relates to pre-independence electrification.

Clearance of Jama Masjid area

1204. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consinderation to decongest the Jama Masjid Area by shifting the fish and Poultry shops out of the old city;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether any site has been selected for the purpose;

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (d) The Delhi Administration has reported that the fish and